## Office of the Attorney General State of Texas



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Mr. Patrick T. Fleming Parker County Attorney One Courthouse Square Weatherford, Texas 76086

OR91-377

Dear Mr. Fleming:

You ask whether the names and addresses of persons who have cases pending in a justice court constitute information subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 12518.

The judiciary is not a "governmental body" subject to the Open Records Act. V.T.C.S. art. 6252-17a, § 2(1)(G); see also Mustard v. State, 711 S.W.2d 71 (Tex. App.--Dallas 1986, pet. ref'd), cert. denied, 484 U.S. 916 (1987); Open Records Decision Nos. 35, 25 (1974). Accordingly, the requested information is not subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-377.

Yours very truly,

Susan Garrison

Assistant Attorney General

**Opinion Committee** 

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Enclosure: Open Records Decisions Nos. 25, 35

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